proposals which comply with the basic parameters of the guidelines and are in line with the present priorities are then appraised through two inter-Ministerial committee for screening and approval. These Committees are Project Screening Committee (PSC) and Project Approval Committee. Receipt of project proposals, their revision by the sponsoring State Governments and their approval through the above two tier Inter Ministerial Committees is a continuous process. Since appraisal and approval/clearance of proposals depend on various factors like their fulfilling the prescribed guidelines, economic viability of the proposals, BPL focus of projects, etc., no details of projects likely to be approved by the Ministry can be indicated.

**Distribution of waste land to Scheduled Castes**

3984. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

how many acres of waste land has been distributed to Scheduled Castes in different States during the last five years;

the steps taken by Government for utilization of the land;

the number of landless families from SC community identified in different States;

what is the mandate of Government to give land to landless families;

what are the ongoing programmes being implemented in different States; and

how these programmes are being monitored at different levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (f) Land and its management falls within the legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the State Governments as provided under Entry No. 18 of State List (List II) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution. The role of the Central Government in this field is only of an advisory and coordinating nature. Implementation of land reforms programmes including distribution of Govt, wasteland is, however, reviewed from time to time at various fora, including Conferences of the Revenue Ministers/Secretaries of States and UTs organized by the Ministry of Rural Development.

It is accepted policy that wasteland at the disposal of Government should be distributed among the eligible rural poor. The State Governments have been requested from time to time for distribution of govt., wastelands to eligible rural poor. They have also been requested for development of wastelands under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme and the watershed management programmes, to distribute such lands to the landles families, and to take up Jatropha cultivation on wastelands.

As per information received from the States/UT$^{c}$, 153.22 lakh acres of govt, wasteland has been distributed to eligible rural poor including Scheduled Castes. The State-wise details of distribution of govt, wasteland are given in the enclosed Statement.

***Statement***

*State-wise details of distribution of Government wastelands*

| SI. No. | NameofState/UT | Area Distributed (Lakh Acres) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 43.93 |
| 2. | Assam | 5.89 |
| 3. | Bihar | 1321 |
| 4. | Chhattisgarh | 2.10 |
| 5. | Gujarat | 13.81 |
| 6. | Himachal Pradesh | 0.17 |
| 7. | Jharkhand | 0.65 |
| 8. | Karnataka | 13.72 |
| 9. | Kerala | 4.57 |
| 10. | Madhya Pradesh | 0.79 |
| 11. | Maharashtra | 1023 |
| 12. | Manipur | 032 |
| 13. | Punjab | 1.10 |
| 14. | Orissa | 734 |
| 15. | Tamil Nadu | 2.89 |
| 16. | Tripura | 132 |
| 17. | Uttar Pradesh® | 24.89 |
| 18. | West Bengal | 432 |
| 19. | Goa | 0.05 |
| 20. | Mizoram | 0.74 |
| 21. | Rajasthan | 1.12 |
| 22. | Delhi | 0.06 |
| 23. | D&NHaveli | No Wasteland |
| | TOTAL: | 15322 |

Including Uttarakhand

**Money released to Orissa under various poverty alleviation and NREGS**

3985. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the total money released by Government of India to the Government of Orissa under various poverty alleviation and National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the years*2004-05,2006-07?